

chief executive of this great state, in this veto message, so disastrous to the physical welfare and happiness of the people of this commonwealth.

Your committee would earnestly recommend that all local boards of health should immediately endeavor to have enacted ordinances, having for their objects intelligent registration of all cases of tuberculosis in their jurisdiction, and giving such boards discretionary power in matters pertaining to disinfection, renovation, etc.

The committee wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the different organizations for their valuable support in the endeavor to have these bills passed. Every organization to which application was made, gave its endorsement to these measures, with one exception: Bill No. 63 was not endorsed by the State Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, as that body informed the committee some weeks later.

The committee refers with much satisfaction to the consummation of its efforts in the organization of the San Francisco Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. This body has a large and active membership, with permanent headquarters and extensive office equipment. Its efforts at centralizing the work in that city has been productive of great good. It has completed a series of lectures. It has a central clinic thoroughly organized, with representation from the leading medical institutions of the city, and will, it is expected, in a few months, be in a clinic building of its own, plans of which have been accepted. The development of this Association is proving a great stimulus to those in other localities, Oakland having recently organized an association.

There being no funds at the disposal of this committee for the carrying out of the statistical work contemplated, and as it is believed that the Legislative Committee might take up these bills in two years' time; and further, there being but little advisory work to be done, local societies and the State Tuberculosis Association being now equipped to carry on this work, the committee recommends that it be herewith abolished.

(Signed.)

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANCER.

W. F. B. WAKEFIELD, M. D., Chairman.

The committee on cancer beg leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That a Committee on Cancer be made a permanent committee.

2. That 100,000 brochures, for distribution to the public, be printed, setting forth, in simple manner, some plain statements of facts, intended to be educational in character, provided that the committee

succeed in raising the money for the printing of the same.

3. That the committee be given power to act in completing the details of the contents of the brochure and in having the same printed; the completed article to be submitted to the Publication Committee for approval before printing. The rough draft has been made but some finishing touches are required. The committee finds it very difficult to say just enough without saying too much. We thought it wise not to burden the general session with the article in detail, but simply to state that it will consist of about 1000 words pointing out the great mortality from cancer, drawing attention to the necessity for early enucleation, instructing the public in regard to the early signs of cancer of organs most frequently involved, urging them to renounce the idea of cancer being primarily a systemic disease, but to recognize its original localization, and to be honest with themselves in admitting its possibility in every individual and to consult the family physician on the development of any suspicious symptom, however trivial.

4. That the members of the State Medical Society be the distributing agents, the brochures, when printed, being handed over to the Secretary who, in turn, will send them to the different members of the Society with the request that they be judiciously distributed among his or her patients.

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COMMITTEE ON VENEREAL DISEASES.

A. B. GROSSE, M. D., Chairman.

To the President and Members of the State Medical Society.

Your Committee on the prophylaxis of Venereal diseases begs leave to present the following report:

We have communicated with other bodies in the various States and countries working toward the same goal and we have sent the following circular letter to all the County Societies within our jurisdiction, elucidating the principles along the lines of which we deem it essential to proceed.

Board of Education and Labor Organizations have been interviewed, and preparations made for a vigorous campaign.

The Committee on the Prophylaxis of Venereal Diseases.

The committee has deemed it most expedient to address the following recommendations to the Secretaries of the various County Societies:

I. We recommend that each County Society arrange for the permanent maintenance of a ward or a certain number of beds in a hospital or similar institution for the care of acute venereal cases. We believe that this quasi quarantine will be a long step in the direction of preventing the spread of venereal infection. Such patients should be confined until it be deemed safe to dismiss them for ambulant treatment.

II. We recommend that each County Society arrange for practical talks on sexual hygiene to the